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Honorable Gary Becker, Mayor
Members of the Common Council
City of Racine
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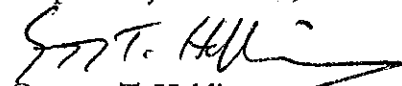
Dear Mayor Becker and Members of the Common Council:

Several years ago, the Common Council's standing committees were re-organized to better serve our citizens. Part of that re-organization placed oversight responsibility for Police and Fire with the License and Welfare Committee. The name 'License and Welfare' fails to convey this vital part of the committee's responsibilities.

In order to more accurately reflect the mission of the committee, I propose we change the name to the '**Public Safety and Licensing**' committee.

This title reflects the committee's involvement in the regulation and issuance of licenses and permits, as well as with fire, police, emergency government, and board of health. While this title does not explicitly indicate the committee's involvement in parks and recreation, it could be argued that quality parks and recreation contribute to the overall public safety of a community. Additionally, common sense tells us that a third portion of the title would probably be dropped from everyday usage, as in "the park and rec. board", which is actually 'Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services'.

Respectfully submitted,


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cc: City Clerk

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